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PRESIDENT ROBAK: Today you have not spoken on the bill, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Okay, then I am just going to speak the number of times that I can speak on the bill and then whatever happens happens. And I want Senator Brashear to understand clearly why I am going to speak, and also Senator Dwite Pedersen. I know that what I say is not going to alter anybody's vote on this bill, but I'm going to get some things into the record on how rotten some of these judges are. It is one thing for things to appear in the newspaper and another thing for them to appear in the record of our debate. And, by the way, I am going to read from a complaint filed against Richard M. "Deacon" Jones by the Judicial Qualifications Commission, and it follows almost in the same order and certainly in the same format of the complaint I filed with the commission. There were 16 charges brought against him, and I am not going to read the text of all of them, just some of them: There are two instances when "Deacon" Jones had inappropriate contact with Judge Prochaska, who is also a Douglas County judge. And this first one was about August 11, 1994. Jones was riding in an elevator with Judge Jane Prochaska from the employee parking lot of the Douglas County Courthouse and pressed and rubbed up against Prochaska's body including her breasts. As Jones left the elevator, he said, f--- you to Prochaska. Although these four letter words are in the document, I ought to go on and read them into the record but we have children here, so I am not going to do that. But when I say "f", that's the "f" word. Then the second incident happened the following day. On a specific occasion Jones was again riding an elevator with Prochaska from the employee parking lot to the Douglas County Courthouse when he rammed Prochaska with his elbow, shoving her into the corner of the elevator, against the wall, and causing her to stumble. That's a second one. Then this is a very interesting one. In 1991, Jones placed an anonymous note in the courthouse mail slot of Judge Mark Ashford, who now is the presiding Douglas County Judge, which threatened Ashford. It was not just a threat of the ordinary variety. It was a threat on his life, and in the context of certain cases that Senator...that Judge Ashford had been involved in, he took this threat very seriously. The police